The Parentage and Ancestry of Anna Christina Nelson

The ancestry of Anna Christina Nelson is easier to establish than that of her husband Frank Erickson even though the trails followed are very similar. The reason for this is a fortunate lack of discrepancies in her genealogical data in American and Swedish records.

Before delving into the genealogical trail, let's summarize the known American genealogical data for Anna.

- Anna was born on 04 Oct 1851 in Sweden[1, 2]
- Her father's name is Nels Larson[1]
- She immigrated to the United States in 1874[3, 4]
- She came to Whitehall, Michigan in 1874[2]

As with Frank, we begin with the birth and baptism record of Lebanon Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Michigan[5]. Anna is listed as being born in Nora Parish and immigrating in 1874. And indeed we find an Anna Nilsdotter born in Old Pershyttan, Nora, Örebro, Sweden on 04 Oct 1851 to Nils Larsson and Anna Catrina Gustafsdotter[6]. The apparent surname issues are simply due to the Swedish patronymic system and Americanization. Nelson, Anna's American surname, is a masculine Americanization of Nilsdotter. So, this is likely our Anna.

Following Anna through the Swedish Household Examination records, we arrive at two entries in the 1872-1881 records for Nora Parish. In the first record Anna is living with her parents but is shown leaving the location in 1873[7]. She is subsequently found in what appears to be a boarding house which she leaves for America on 13 Jul 1874[8].

All of this perfectly matches the American genealogy data. So, we have certainly found our Anna.

We are fortunate in this case as a perfect immigration record also exists for Anna. She is listed in Swedish immigration records as Anna Christina Nilsson, born about 1849, from Nora, leaving the port of Gotëborg on 17 Jul 1874 destined for "White Hall"[9]. It is curious to me that she is so specifically destined for Whitehall, Michigan. It almost makes me think she had some specific reason for going there especially since she was married within a month to Frank[13].

It is important to note that her parents followed Anna to America in 1881. Nils and the elder Anna, from Nora, left Gotëborg on 05 Aug 1881 destined for New York[10, 11]. Swedish records indicate they left their home in Nora on 26 Jul 1881[12]. They settled in Muskegon, Michigan not far from their daughter who was now married to Frank Erickson. Although they were the last of our Swedish ancestors to arrive in America, they are our most distant Swedish ancestors who immigrated to America.

Unfortunately, I do not have any information on the motivations for Anna and her parents to come to America.

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Parents:

Name	Date	Date	Place
Nils Larsson	Birth	30 Jun 1827	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
	Marriage	14 Sep 1850	Nora, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	26 Sep 1919	Whitehall, Muskegon, Michigan
Anna Catrina Gustafsdotter	Birth	30 Jan 1826	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	10 Dec 1895	Fruitland, Muskegon, Michigan

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Paternal Grandparents:

Name	Date	Date	Place
Lars Nilsson	Birth	08 Apr 1785	Brattfors, Värmland, Sweden
	Marriage	11 Feb 1821	Bjurtjärn, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	22 Apr 1856	Nora, Örebro, Sweden
Maria Christina Nilsdotter Lundberg	Birth	04 Aug 1793	Kroppa, Värmland, Sweden
	Death	18 Mar 1859	Nora, Örebro, Sweden

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Maternal Grandparents:

Name	Date	Date	Place
Gustaf Jonsson	Birth	08 Nov 1798	Nya Wiker, Nora, Örebro, Sweden
	Marriage		
	Death	10 Nov 1869	Nora, Örebro, Sweden
Anna Christina Andersdotter	Birth	15 Apr 1804	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	26 Nov 1893	Nora, Örebro, Sweden

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Paternal Great-grandparents:

Name	Date	Date	Place
Nils Jonsson	Birth		
	Marriage		
	Death		
Catherine Jonsdotter	Birth		
	Death		

References:
None

Name	Date	Date	Place
Nils Carlsson Lundberg	Birth	11 Dec 1750	Kroppa, Värmland, Sweden
	Marriage	28 Nov 1779	Kroppa, Värmland, Sweden
	Death	01 Jun 1829	Bjurtjärn, Örebro, Sweden
Anna Nilsdotter	Birth	28 Jan 1757	Kroppa, Värmland, Sweden
	Death	18 Oct 1837	Bjurtjärn, Örebro, Sweden

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Maternal Great-grandparents:

Name	Date	Date	Place
Jons Jonsson	Birth	1772	
	Marriage	27 May 1797	Nora, Örebro, Sweden
	Death		
Catharina Nilsdotter	Birth	20 Jul 1773	Nora, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	28 Dec 1848	Shrikarhyttan, Nora, Örebro, Sw

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Maternal Great-grandparents (continued):

Name	Date	Date	Place
Anders Carlsson	Birth	22 Feb 1760	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
	Marriage	1797	
	Death	16 Mar 1840	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
Lisa Jonasdotter Mörk	Birth	02 Oct 1773	Sjöhammar, Visnum, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	20 Jul 1824	Kil, Örebro, Sweden

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